

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 93
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A RESOLUTION to encourage the payment of a living wage to
workers paid through government contracts.

WHEREAS, Tennesseans who work hard every day to provide for their families should
not have to live in poverty; and

WHEREAS, a day's work deserves a fair day's pay; and

WHEREAS, the current minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour is disgracefully inadequate; and

WHEREAS, the cost of major necessities such as food, housing, transportation and child
care continues to increase, making it increasingly difficult for low-wage workers to make ends
meet; and

WHEREAS, increasing family-supporting jobs that pay a living wage would decrease the
need for public assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, a living wage will assure social and economic benefits for the community as
a whole and a supportive environment for employers who try to maintain fair wages; and

WHEREAS, a living wage will increase consumer spending thereby increasing sales tax
revenues, and will help stabilize the local economy; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this body
supports the payment of living wages to all workers paid through government contracts for
grants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these minimum wages should be set at 110 percent
(110%) of the federal poverty level for a family of four and provide affordable health care
benefits and shall serve as a floor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be sent to the commissioner of finance and administration, the Tennessee County Services Association, and the Tennessee Municipal League.